

BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-2098

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0420985711

Address: 421-423 N. Charles Street

Current Name: Capital Savings & Loan Assn.

Block: 566 Lot: 11

Lot size: 39 ft. x 72 ft.

Height: 4

Materials: Brick and stone

Condition: Good

Owner: Capital Partnership

Use: Commercial

Accessible: Yes, restricted

Designation:

Liber/Folio: SEB 77/114



Historic Name: Hynson, Westcott & Dunning, pharmacists

Date: 1911

Architect/Builder: Baldwin and Pennington, arch.

Style (if appropriate): Classical Revival

Description: The building has two main elevations, one with three bays on Charles Street and one with five bays on Franklin Street. The first story is faced with limestone ashlar blocks to the sill level of the second story. The windows have been altered on both elevations, having bronzed aluminum frames and muntins and large expanses of plate glass. The Franklin Street elevation has an arched entrance to the upper floor offices in the easternmost bay. This also has modern glass doors and the arch tympanum has aluminum and glass similar to the windows. An entrance on the Charles Street side duplicates the window bays. The upper floors are faced with flemish bond brick. The second and third floor windows have elaborate stone surrounds joined by a common cornice and sill. Garlanded Ionic pilasters embellish the second story windows and urns in half-relief flank the third story windows. Iron balustrades also embellish the third floor. Elaborate keystones top the simple surrounds. Above a plain stone string course, the fourth story windows are unadorned with modern windows having a single vertical muntin. A shallow modillion cornice and brick parapet complete the facade.

Significance:

Area: architecture

Level: local

This building and the Fisher Building (B-2097) adjoining provide examples of the changes in the Classical Revival styles in the early 20th century. Both were designed in the Georgian version of the style and although only 7 years apart in date, show the evolution from the picturesque Fisher Building to the smoothly sophisticated Hynson, Westcott and Dunning Building. The pharmaceutical firm occupied the two previous buildings on the site from 1890, and remained in the present building until 1921. Two years later, Samuel Kirk & Son jewelers and silversmiths leased the principal store area and continued at the location until the 1960's.

Sources: Baltimore, The Book of Its Board of Trade (1895); DR 6-24-11;
City directories
Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, May 1985

name of the "Patapsco Glass Company," is a manufacturer of chemical and surgical glassware, homeopathic vials, oil and fertilizer sample vials of all styles and sizes, glass syringes, and specialties in glass blowing. He is the pioneer in this line in the South, being widely and favorably known by his long-continued attention to the drug trade. His wide and varied experience, his knowledge of markets and the requirements of the trade, and his popularity with his customers induced him to establish himself in business in November, 1893, since which time his energy, activity, and unvarying purpose to please have won for him a generous share of trade.

He has also included with his regular manufacturing business the handling of druggists' sundries, scales, corks, and specialties,—the products of leading manufacturers,—with facilities unexcelled here to supply the demands of the trade.

Commencing in this line of business with the well-known house of Vogeler, Son & Company about 1878, Mr. Sohl has been continuously in it since that time, adding to his experience and knowledge. As a traveling salesman he has visited the entire South, West, and Southwest, and enjoys a large acquaintance and the profitable business connections established by his energy and fair dealing. His trade covers the sections named, and his portrait accompanying this sketch will not be unfamiliar to many.

es, Glass-

Mr. Sohl leaves nothing undone to gather business, and is indefatigable in every legitimate effort to hold it. He makes his own special products skill, best material, and modern facilities can unitedly turn them out. His other lines of representative houses, and his prices are always in favor of the buyer's interest, as in other houses. He will furnish prices, catalogues, and full information upon application, and is ready to serve his customers, old and new, either personally or by correspondence, guaranteeing satisfaction.

CHEMISTS AND PHARMACISTS, OF 124 SOUTH HOWARD STREET (Ernest E. and John H. Quandt), is a specialty of the filling of physicians' prescriptions, and also of a number of preparations of their own for physicians' practice. They have been established since 1892, and have met with a steadily increasing demand for their services. They have a large city patronage, and also do a very handsome business with country physicians and other customers.

The Quandt brothers are men of experience in their profession. The elder, Ernest, was with Sharp & Dohme, manufacturing chemists here, for fifteen years before they started for themselves, and the younger was with the same house for six.

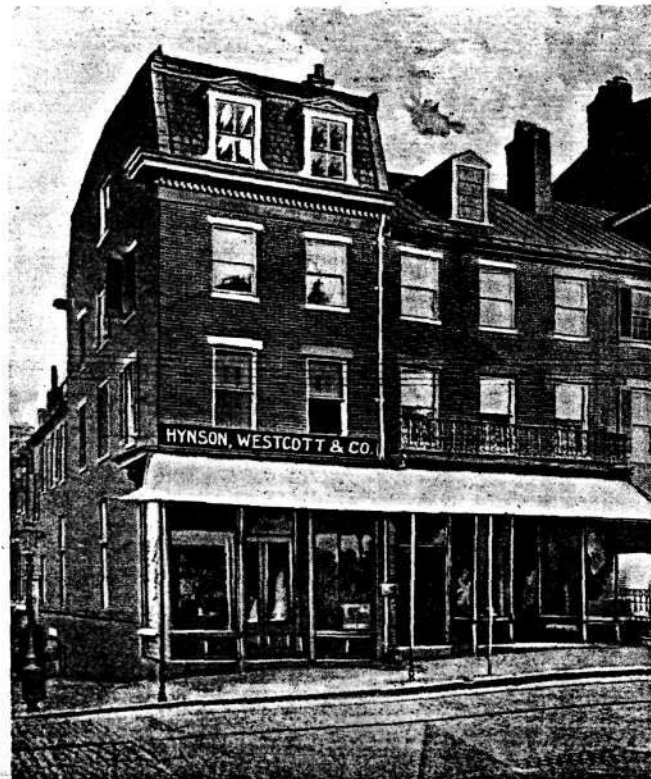
HYNSON, WESTCOTT & COMPANY (H. P. Hynson, J. W. Westcott, and W. H. Stevenson), pharmaceutical chemists, of 421 and 423 NORTH CHARLES STREET, do solely a prescription and drug business, rigidly excluding from their stock in trade all patented nostrums, proprietary articles, toilet articles, cigars, candy, soda water, newspapers, perfumery, soaps, and that sort of thing, and handling only what is actually needed for the care of the sick, and what is set down in the pharmacopoeia. In short, the selection, preparation, and sale of remedial agents upon a dignified professional plane.

They also eschew, as a matter not in their province, the giving of medical advice.

It is interesting, in this connection, to know that there is but one other establishment of the kind in this country, and that in New York



Baltimore Branch Columbian Pharmacy



Hynson, Westcott & Company, Pharmaceutical Chemists, North Charles Street.

City. The business was a small way, with only Messrs. Stevenson and Westcott in it. Mr. Stevenson was a graduate of the University of Maryland, and Mr. Westcott a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. They have been in the business for thirteen years, and the latter has five years and the latter has the credits and financial experience of this

The specialty of the firm is the filling of prescriptions. They have a large stock of chemicals, and largely, also, of the largest line of supplies of apparatus of every treatment generally in the city. Here is especially appreciated, and they afford it for successful

THE COLUMBIAN PHARMACY WASHINGTON, D. C.; 1110 EAST BALTIMORE STREET, Baltimore, years ago and controls the State of Maryland.

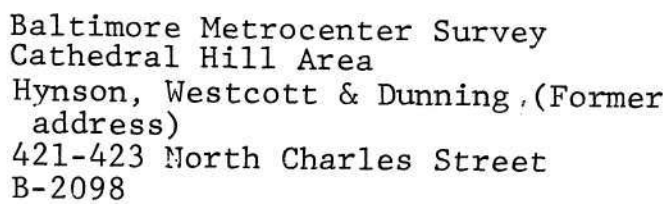
This company handles **GRAPHOPHONE COMBINATION** Bridgeport, Conn., and of "Talking Machine," "Baby Grand," for home

Pharmaceutical.

Hynson, Westcott & Dunning Bldg.
421-423 North Charles Street
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Previous bldgs. on site

From Baltimore Book of the Board of Trade (1895)





Old Hynson, Westcott & Dunning Bldg.
421-423 North Charles Street B-2098
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
Northwest corner view

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Capital Savings and Loan Association					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 421 North Charles Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY:		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Capital Savings and Loan Association					
STREET AND NUMBER: 421 North Charles Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Records Office, Room 601, Baltimore City Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: Calvert and Fayette Streets					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		
21202					
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): JFC 1674-354					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Hist. and Arch. Pres.					
STREET AND NUMBER: 26 S. Calvert Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		
21202					

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is four stories high, five bays wide on the north side, and three bays wide on the west side. The first story is ashlar stone; the upper stories are Flemish bond-laid masonry. Details are stone.

On the north side of the building, there is a double door of glass to the far left. This is placed within a flat-arched, moulded frame, above which is an entablature topped by a cornice. A six light window above this forms a clerestory window. This entire entrance motif is set within a stilted round arch supported by flat pilasters. This in turn is set within a flat-arched recess. Roundels occupy the spandrels between the round arch and the flat arch. To the right of the doors are four large windows consisting of six sheet glass panels in metal frames. Pilasters between windows support a frieze running around the building. There is a cornice atop the frieze.

The second and third story windows are double casements with one light transoms. Lintels (flat-arched) and sills are joined by moulded frames. The frames are flanked by flat, Ionic-capped pilasters supporting an entablature and cornice, both of which project over the pilasters and recede over the lintel.

Third story windows have simple frames and flat-arched lintels. The lintels have large keystones with swags draped over them. These windows are also fitted with window baskets. Urns, resting on the second story window cornices, flank the third story windows.

Fourth story windows have stone sills and splayed brick lintels. The sills rest on the belt course. Above these windows is a braced cornice, above which is a parapet which extends above the flat roof.

On the west side of the building, the fenestration scheme is identical to that of the north side. On the first story is a double doorway with sidelights and three light transom in the center bay.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1920s

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The convenience and prestige of a lower North Charles Street address for a commercial enterprise was established around the time of the First World War. During that time (and ever since) commercial structures began to replace the old townhouses that marked what was a stately residential neighborhood. On Block 566, this trend is reflected not only on its Charles Street side, but also on its other binding streets--Franklin, Mulberry, and St. Paul Place.

Although there still old houses extant (usually considerably altered, with a couple of exceptions), it is commercial architecture which today dominates the block. Some of the more notable structures are:

1) Heart Association of America (415 N. Charles): a subdued Art Deco building of modest dimensions which is well integrated with the surrounding architecture.

2) Bible House (9 East Franklin): a stylized Gothic building, the Bible House is a 1920s interpretation of what a structure housing a company selling religious materials should look like.

3) Capital Savings and Loan (421 N. Charles): conveys, in an architecturally reardataire style, an air of monolithic solidity.

Two older houses, at 6 and 8 East Mulberry, are relatively unscathed examples of Baltimore townhouse architecture of the 1830s. (The large Georgian house at 7 East Franklin has, regrettably, been altered for commercial purposes.)

The significance of this block lies in its diversity of architectural styles, both commercial and residential which has, for the most part, been integrated with some sense of proportion, to make it an interesting architectural and esthetic study, and a pleasing atmosphere in which to live and work.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

38'6"x72'

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Joseph Potts, Planning Assistant	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Commission for Hist. and Arch. Pres.	12/1/75
STREET AND NUMBER:	
26 S. Calvert Street	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Baltimore	Maryland 21202

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

REVISIONS
 Lots 15, 16, 17 Consd. Pl. App. 08367 Sub 3437
 Lot 16 Bldg. Per City Pl. Lot. C. 5/11/24
 Lot 30th Street Name Local Per L.R. 8/11/18

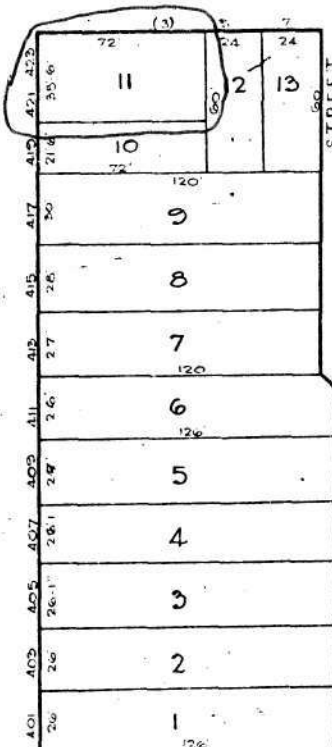
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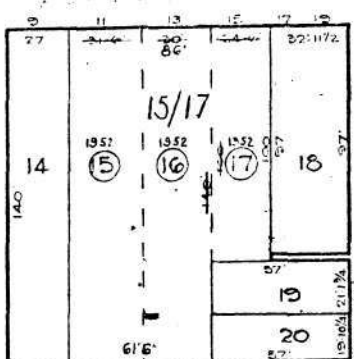
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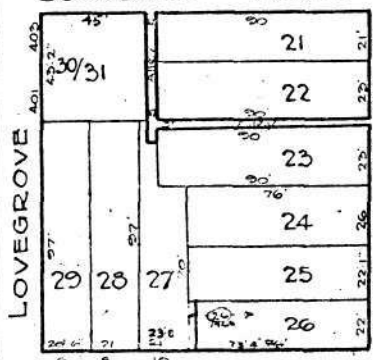


STREET ALLEY



PLACE

SCRABBLE ALLEY



LOVEGROVE

ST. PAUL

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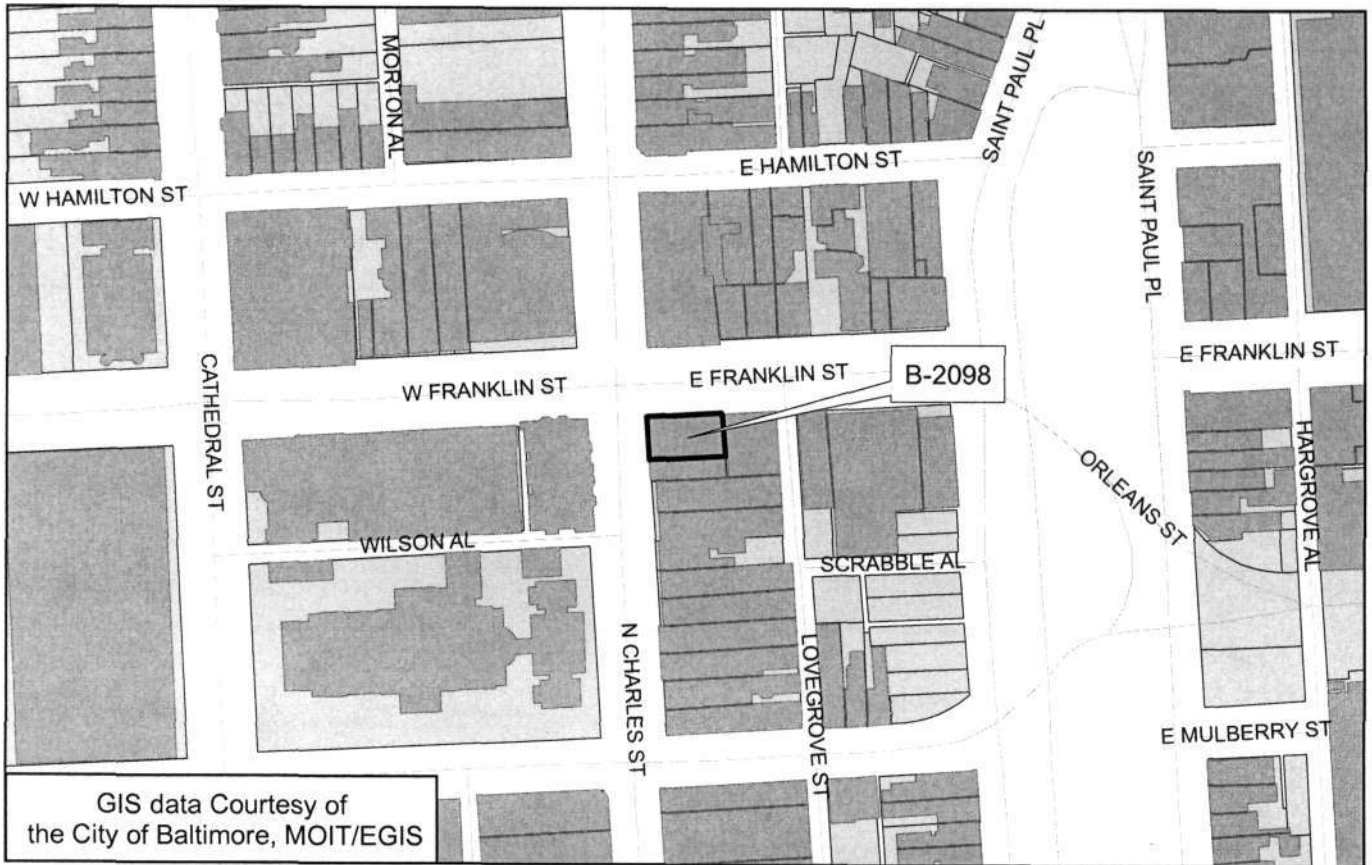
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